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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 4 September 1951

PRESENT: General Smith, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Becker.

The DCI called attention to a letter from Gardner Cowles (of LOOK magazine) dated August 30, 1951, enclosing a letter to Cowles from Paul Hoffman. Both letters raised a question as to the adequacy of propaganda directed to Russia and Russian satellites. The DCI stated that in view of communications of this type, of which there were other examples, CIA should consider gathering a group of public information organizations (such as LOOK, TIME, LIFE, NEWSWEEK, and the three major press services) and informing them generally under pledge of secrecy as to the existing programs in this field. Mr. Wisner commented that a meeting of the character suggested by the DCI would be of great value if it did nothing more than to prevent speculation as to what is being done. At the recommendation of Mr. Wisner, the DCI agreed that Colonel Hansen should prepare a submission outlining a plan for such a meeting, with due regard for the security questions involved.

[Hansen notified 9/5/51 - LER]

25X1 The DCI requested that Mr. Wisner have someone consider the possibility of [redacted] Mr. Wisner noted that work had begun on a study of this character and stated that he would report thereon tomorrow.

Mr. Wisner reported briefly on a talk which he had had with General Wyman respecting his forthcoming trip, and particularly raised the question of whether General Wyman should deal with CIA's relations with General Ridgeway. The DCI indicated that he would cover this in discussion with General Wyman.

Mr. Wisner called attention to an editorial in this morning's WASHINGTON POST (presumably by Herbert Elliston, Editor) indicating that certain recalled KMT officials have much information respecting misuse of US aid. Mr. Wisner noted that General Magruder has discussed this matter with at least some of the Chinese officials in question and thinks that there is some truth in their charges. After some discussion the DCI agreed with Mr. Wisner's recommendation that Dr. Langer discuss this matter with General Magruder.

[Langer advised 9/5/51 - RB]

The DCI and Mr. Wisner discussed briefly various personnel changes in the Office of DD/P.

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